STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Protocol has been signed on April 17, 1989 between Indian Space Research Organisation and GLAVKOSMOS, USSR on Indian participation in Soviet MIR Space Station based on discussions held during April 11-17, 1989, at Indian Space Research Organisation, Bangalore. A five-member Soviet delegation visited India to have discussions with Indian experts. Presentations were made by the Soviet side on the technical details about the existing and future MIR space stations and by the Indian side on possible Indian experiments that could be carried out onboard the PRIRODA module of the present MIR station to be launched by 1991 and onboard future MIR type station to be launched by 1995-96. These possible experiments covered such broad areas as crystal growth under microgravity environment, astronomy, aeronomy, remote sensing and also testing of certain technological concepts under zero-g conditions. Brief write ups on these proposals with questionnaire addressing specific payload interface issues were handed over to the Soviet side for their response. A plan of action has been drawn jointly to pursue the matter further.

C.G.H.S. facilities for former Members of Parliament

1740. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facilities available to the former Members of Parliament under the Central Government Health Scheme; and

(b) whether Government have changed these facilities recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The facilities available to former members of Parliament are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

Statement

Facilities available under the scheme

1. Outdoor treatment through dispensaries.
2. Supply of necessary drugs.
3. Laboratory and X-Ray investigations.
4. Domiciliary visits.
5. In-patient treatment for all medical and surgical cases including operations.
6. Specialist care.
7. Ante-natal care.
8. Emergency treatment.
9. Advice on family welfare including supply of free contreceptives, appliance etc.
10. Hospital treatment in Specialised hospitals for diseases like Cancer, T. B., Polio and Mental disease.
11. Facilities for Dental treatment.

Additional Facilities under other systems

1. Ayurvedic.
2. Homoeopathic.
3. Unani.
4. Yoga.
5. Siddha.

Short supply of anti-Rabies vaccine

1741. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Anti-Rabies vaccine is in short supply in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to step-up the supply of this vaccine?